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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Akira ISHIBAHl et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1713  
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Application No.: 09/210,539 ) Examiner: K. C. Egwim  
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Filed: December 14, 1998 )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Further to the Notice of Appeal dated January 6, 2004, and as part of the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** are included in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are included in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.